(b) the demand of the State Government of these two items for current year and how much is likely to be met by Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The allocation of wheat and kerosene to Karnataka during the last three years and the extent of offtake thereof yearwise is as follows:—

(in '000 MT)

	WHEAT		KEROSENE	
	Alln.	Lifting	Alln.	Lifting
1994-95	360	262.40	452.70	458.24
1995-96	360	219.50	465.24	486.40
1996-97	356	286.72	503.15	458.98 (Upto Feb., 97)

(b) It may be observed from the above statement that lifting of wheat is much less than the allocation. With effect from June, 1997, the allocation of foodgrains will be made on the basis of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) scheme. The quota of Kerosene for Karnataka for the year 1997-98 has increased by 2.9% over the last year. During 1997-98 the annual quota of kerosene for Karnataka is 5,13,054 MTs. The per capita availability of kerosene in the State is 11.41 kgs. which is equal to average per capita availability in the country.

Quota of rice, wheat, sugar and kerosene for states of North-Eastern Region

3676. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of quota of rice, wheat, sugar, kerosene allocated to each State of North-Eastern Region;

(b) whether the quota is calculated on the basis of poverty line or requirement of the State;

(c) whether the State Governments of the North-Eastern Region have any reservation on the proposed PDS scheme meant for the people living below the poverty line; and

(d) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The quantum of quota of rice, wheat, sugar, kerosene allocated to North Eastern States is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(b) Allocation of foodgrains for PDS from Central Pool is made on a month to month basis after taking into account the availability of stock in the Central Pool, *inter-se* demand of States/UTs, market availability of commodities, seasonal factors, past off-take against allocations made etc. However, starting from the month of June, 1997 quota of rice and wheat will be allocated on the basis of calculation made under the Targeted Public Distribution System to all States including North-Eastern region. The allocation of levy sugar is made on a uniform norm of 425 gms. per capita as per 1991 population, while allocation of kerosene is made on the basis of past demand, off-take trend and relative need, with an attempt being made to bring those States where the per capita availability of kerosene is less than the national average, to the national average level.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Monthly quantities of rice, wheat sugar, kerosene oil allocated to North Eastern States

('000 Tonnes)

	*Rice	*Wheat	Sugar	#Kerosene
1. Arunachal Pradesh	6.59	0.57	0.366	0.829
2. Assam	34.92	20.38	9.524	21.980
3. Manipur	4.16	1.71	0.782	1.839
4. Meghalaya	9.82	2.14	0.752	1.687
5. Mizoram	7.30	1.05	0.293	0.656
6. Nagaland	7.54	3.59	0.542	1.150
7. Sikkim	2.99	0.42	0.174	0.656
8. Tripura	11.48	1.28	1.173	2.621

*As per Targetted Public Distribution System Scheme
#For 1997-98

PDS scheme in Kerala

3677. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a stationary ration system is existing in Kerala;

(b) the offtake of rice and wheat during the last three years for PDS in Kerala;

(c) the total families benefited by the new PDS scheme in Kerala;

(d) whether Government proposed to increase the issue price of rice and wheat through PDS in Kerala;

(e) the issue price of wheat and rice increased during last three years; and

(f) the total amount received by FCI through these increase, year-wise, particularly from Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Allocation and offtake of wheat and rice in Kerala during the last three years are as under:—

(in '000 MT)

	WHEAT		RICE	
	Alln.	Off.	Alln.	Off.
1994-95	445.00	386.80	1800.00	118.10
1995-96	585.00	557.40	1800.00	1170.60
1996-97	572.50	544.00	1847.00	1530.80

(c) Under new PDS the average annual lifting by the States for the last 10 years is maintained and out of that the quantum required for issue to families Below Poverty Line @ 10 Kgs. per month, per family, is set apart. The number of families Below Poverty Line in Kerala is estimated to be about 15.35 lakhs.

(d) Consequent upon the introduction of IPDS, the central Issue Prices of wheat and rice issued from Central Pool will stand revised throughout the country with effect from 1st June, 1997 as under:—

(Rs. per quintal)

	RICE			WHEAT
	Common	Fine	Super-fine	
For families Above Poverty Line	—	650.00	750.00	450.00
For families Below Poverty Line	350.00	350.00	—	250.00

(e) There is no increase in the Central Issue Prices during the last three years;

(f) *Does not arise.*

PDS coming to a breaking point in West Bengal

3678. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether following the stoppage of supply of wheat and slashing sugar quota by the Food Corporation of India, the Public Distribution System in West